ENERGY SAVINGS AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The City of Beverly is committed to adopting and promoting sustainable practices that reduce our community's carbon footprint and build resilience to the impacts of climate change. The City of Beverly's Director of Sustainability, Erina Keefe, collaborates with many city departments as well as external partners to highlight existing and develop new opportunities for businesses to adopt sustainable practices and programs that benefit the community at large as well as the individual business. If you would like to speak with Erina about specific programs or other issues related to sustainability, she may be reached via email at ekeefe@beverlyma.gov or by telephone at 978-605-2332. The link to the City's Sustainability web page is https://www.beverlyma.gov/473/Sustainability

Highlighted here are the following:

<u>Climate Action Toolkit for Businesses</u>-The Resilient Together Climate Action Toolkit for Businesses brings together tips, how-to guides, and financial resources to help Beverly businesses reduce costs, benefit your brand, and care for employees, customers, and community members by cutting emissions, reducing waste, and conserving resources.

<u>PACE program</u>-Through PACE Massachusetts, property owners can finance energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy by agreeing to a betterment assessment on their property, which repays the financing. This enables these building owners to implement energy improvements with longer payback periods of up to 20 years using a low-cost financing tool that runs with the property. More details about the program are available on the <u>PACE Massachusetts website</u>.

<u>Energy STAR Tenant Space</u>-ENERGY STAR Tenant Space is an EPA recognition for sustainability efforts in your leased office space. Energy efficient office spaces can lead to lower utility bills and fewer greenhouse gas emissions in our atmosphere. Does your organization lease office space within a multi-tenant building? Earn recognition for your sustainability efforts!